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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicants notify the Examiner of continuing developments in a litigation in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota (Civ. Action No. 02-CV-1321 DWF/SRN) between Plaintiff Pay Child Support Online Inc and Defendant ACS State & Local Solutions, Inc. This Information Disclosure Statement includes copies of

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documents that have been identified in this litigation. These documents are submitted for the Examiner's consideration.

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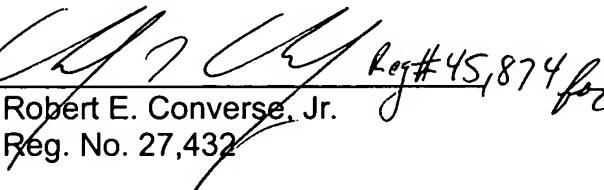
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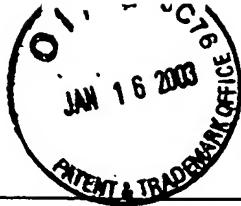
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